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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re application of ) Group Art Unit: 3651  
Burkard Otto HERBERT et al. ) Examiner: Leslie D. Nicholson III  
Application No. 10/540,209 )  
Filed May 24, 2006 )  
For: DEVICES FOR TREATING AND )  
CONVEYING A STRIP OF )  
MATERIAL AND METHOD FOR )  
REGULATING THESE DEVICES )

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the first Office Action of April 1, 2008 in the subject U.S. patent application, please amend the application, as filed, and as amended by the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application, as follows.